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**Subject:** NO on increased corporate ownership of the public airwaves

Dear Mr. Copps,

Thank you for reaching out to the public to raise awareness about the corporate monopoly of the public airwaves.

We were shocked recently when we learned that the restrictions on regional multi-media ownership had been dissolved.

We agree with Rep. Jay Inslee that it is "imperative to democracy to have equal access to all points of the agenda", and we think that the media in general is already too influenced by its corporate owners. The preservation of our democracy depends on a diversity of ownership, views and information.

As one man quoted at today's hearing in Seattle pointed out, "Fewer owners means fewer chances to have our voices heard."

Thank you for this opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

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